

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 214

By Calfee

A RESOLUTION to recognize Reverend Ron Jordan on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take pleasure in honoring those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Ron Jordan, executive minister of First Baptist Church of Lenoir City, is one such venerable individual, who will soon retire from the pulpit as an active pastor, having evinced an unwavering commitment to serving the people whose spiritual lives he has guided for more than twenty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jordan studied at the University of Charleston, Olivet University, and Trevecca University, and he is currently in his seventeenth year as executive minister of First Baptist Church of Lenoir City, having previously served as associate minister for eight years; and

WHEREAS, he serves with distinction as executive director of The Good Samaritan Center of Loudon County and as a chaplain for the Lenoir City Council, Fort Loudon Medical Center, and Lenoir City Board of Education; he is the chief financial officer of Lenoir City Christian Academy and a member of the Loudon County Baptist Association Leadership Board; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to serving the needs of his community, Ron Jordan is president of Lenoir City Committee of 100, president of Loudon County Emergency Food Board, member of

the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability, and a Loudon County Republican Committee 5th District Representative; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Reverend Ron Jordan has estimably served as chairman of the Loudon County Ministerial Association, chairman of the Literacy Board, chairman of the Chamber Board, president of the Rotary Club, and treasurer of the Visitors Bureau Board, and he is an active member of the Hope Resource Center Board, the Education Foundation Board, and Civitan; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jordan's abiding love for the ministry and his many positive contributions to his church, his community, and this State are deeply appreciated, and it is wholly fitting that he be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Reverend Ron Jordan on the occasion of his retirement as executive minister of First Baptist Church of Lenoir City and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.